

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended and claims 3 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 22-24 have been added. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-24 remain in the application. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Drawing Objections:

Applicants respectfully request that the drawing objection be withdrawn. The term “adhesive layer” is supported within the specification on page 3, lines 17-19 as: “[s]ealing member 114 is preferably formed of an adhesive layer but can also be formed of a compressible material that can form a seal when the keypad board 108 and lightguide 106 are coupled together.” FIGs. 1, 2 and 4 show designator 114. As such, Applicants believe the feature has been adequately shown and described. Applicants ask that the Examiner provide further elaboration if amendment is still required.

Allowable subject Matter:

Claims 14-21 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 14-21.

Claims 3-6 and 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and in order to facilitate the prosecution of the application have amended the claims accordingly. Claim 1 now incorporates the elements of claim 12 and a sealing means. Claim 2 now incorporate the elements of claim 3. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13 are now in condition for allowance.

New Claims:

Applicants have added new independent claim 22. Claim 22 recites:

“a lightguide coupled to the main circuit board, the lightguide having window protrusions extending therefrom for accommodating the LEDs;
a keypad board coupled to the lightguide, the keypad board having openings aligning with the window protrusions to form a substantially planar surface.”

Support for claim 22 is found on page 5, lines 9-15 and FIGS. 1 and 3. Dependent claim 23 recites: “wherein the substantially planar surface formed of the keypad board and lightguide facilitate both backlighting of the keypad membrane and sealing of the main circuit board.”

Dependent claim 24 recites: “wherein the window protrusions have a thickness substantially the same as the keypad board.” Support for the dependent claims is found on page 5, lines 12-15 and FIG. 3.

Neither of the cited references taken individually or in combination teach a lightguide having window protrusions extending therefrom. Neither of the cited references taken individually or in combination teach a keypad board having openings aligning with the window protrusions to form a substantially planar surface.

Accordingly, claims 22-24 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 502117, Motorola, Inc, with any fees which may be required in the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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